

To the Governor and Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, it is a pleasure to present our Annual Report. I am proud to report that auto theft was down again in 2000. This is the 12th reduction in the last 14 years. Since the authority's inception, auto theft in Michigan has decreased over 25%, while nationally auto theft for the same period is down 5%.

This consistent reduction has been accomplished through a comprehensive program involving cooperation among all levels of government and the private sector. This includes multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task forces, prosecutors, neighbor-hood groups, and insurance companies. This partnership exemplifies how a cooperative effort can impact a serious problem.

The board will continue to monitor effective programs and provide resources to those initiatives that can attain significant outcomes in the fight against auto theft. We can take pride in the efforts of the men and women who have contributed in achieving a lower level of auto theft in Michigan than that of 25 years ago.

This past year marked our 15th year of operation, and the success we have enjoyed has served as a model for other states to follow.

The authority looks forward to building upon our working partnerships in the coming year, and thus further efforts that will curb auto theft in Michigan.

Sincerely,

**Michael D. Robinson
CHAIR**